## **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Rich Phillips, Anne Miller, Pam Quinn, Melissa Seifert, Drew McNaughton, Susan Green, Dina Bookmyer-Baker

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Conservation Commission, School St Bridge, Mileage

Reimbursement

Public Comment: none

**Minutes:** Approved the minutes of February 1 and February 22

**Reorganization:** The Board elected Chris Martin as Chair. Notices will be posted at the Town Office, the Marshfield Village Store, and the Starch Factory.

**Picnic Shelter:** Two possible locations have been proposed for a picnic shelter: near the Community Gardens, and on the other side of the property near the solar panels. The Board discussed the feedback that has been received, and pros and cons of the two locations. They discussed ADA accessibility, safety, visibility, aesthetics, the need for shade near the playground, and who would use the shelter the most. They discussed the need for a safe crossing from one side of the property to the other, especially for children going from the shelter to the playground. Rich B. moved to locate the shelter next to the Community Garden, assuming we can find funding. Chris seconded. Rich and Chris were in favor. Michele was in favor with the caveat that there is a parking lot crossing, signs, and picnic tables with shade near the playground.

**AARP Grant:** The Board authorized Rich B. to do a grant application for the shelter.

**Upper Depot Bridge:** The Board authorized Bobbi to apply for a VTrans bridge grant for repairs to Upper Depot Bridge.

**School Street Bridge:** Rich moved, Michele seconded to approve the bid package and authorize Ruggles Engineering to advertise. All in favor. Bids will be due April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Masks in the Old Schoolhouse Common: The Selectboard lifted the mask mandate for the building, and individual tenants will decide whether to require masks in their spaces. Bobbi indicated that masks will be required in the inner part of the Town Clerk's Office but not in the entryway.

**Development Review Board:** Dina Bookmyer-Baker and Jaquelyn Rieke have applied to the DRB. Michele moved to enter executive session at 7:05 to discuss a personnel issue. Rich seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 7:10 p.m. Chris moved to appoint Dina to the

DRB. Michele seconded. Chris and Michele in favor. Rich recused himself.

**Credit Card Policy:** The Town currently does not have a credit card. The Board discussed the need for a policy before obtaining a card.

**Date of Next Meeting:** The Board will reschedule the meeting so that they can attend the public hearing for the Stranahan Management Plan. The Board will hold their second meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> instead.

**Road Crew:** The Board agreed to pay mileage for Dan Tetreault to fill in for the Road Crew as needed.

**Conservation Commission Grant:** The Board authorized Ed Jalbert to apply for a watershed grant for conducting a macroinvertebrate inventory in some Marshfield streams.

**Recreational Economy:** Rich has recruited a steering committee for the Recreational Economy for Rural Communities grant. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for projects in Marshfield. They had a really good interview. The grant will be awarded by the end of the month.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll**: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll. They approved a 2022 liquor license for Marshfield Village Store.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

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